KISHORE TRIPATHY) : (a) At present Vizag Steel Plant is not facing the prospect of being declared a sick unit.

(b) Although RINL (VSP) has been making net losses since inception, it has improved its performance for the last two years which has reduced the net losses substantially.

(c) No inquiry has been conducted in to these losses. However, the performance of the company is reviewed periodically by the Government.

(d) and (e) RINL (VSP) has made Rs. 339 crores (Provisional) as cash profit during 2000l-02, which is the best since inception.

(I) Some of the steps being taken to further improve its working and profitability are as under :

(1) Increasing the production level.

(2) Introducing cost reduction measures.

(3) Better marketing strategy to increase Net Sales Realization.

(4) Concentrating on sale of Value added products.

(5) Reduction of capital related charges.

(6) Diversification/improvement of product mix.

NGOs under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports

4068. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM : Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state :

(a) wheher there are any NGOs working under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports for the success of its programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what are the criteria for recognition of NGO's; and

(d) what arc the function of such NGOs ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI P. RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) No Sir.

(b) to,(d) Do not arise.